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1. R.W. SIMPSON, AVIATION SECURITY ADVISOR, DEPT. OF TRADE, CALLED FAA REP RE THE SUBJECT. HE APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THE FAA STATEMENT (REF B, PARA 4), WHICH STATED QUOTE WE DO NOT USE UNDERCOVER SLEUTHS IN OUR SURVEYS UNQUOTE.

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2. SIMPSON AGAIN REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO

MEET WITH QUALIFIED U.S. SECURITY EXPERTS TO DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING HEATHROW SECURITY MATTERS AT AN EARLY DATE. IN SUCH A MEETING THEY WOULD EXPECT FAA TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT ANY SECURITY BREECHES THEY HAVE OBSERVED.

3. REGARDING THE ANDERSON STATEMENT THAT ARMED GUARDS WERE NOT SEEN AT HEATHROW, SIMPSON SAID THEY ARE IN FACT THERE ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT FLAUNT THEIR WEAPONS. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT UK LAWS GOVERNING THE CARRIAGE OF ARMS BY SECURITY FORCES ARE QUITE STRICT.

4. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING THEIR TAKEOVER OF HEATHROW SECURITY. THE FULL TAKEOVER WILL BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, WHEN BY THAT TIME THE BRITISH AIRPORT AUTHORITY SECURITY FORCES WILL BE ABSORBED BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE.

5. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A LS/FAA-UK MEETING TO DISCUSS HEATHROW SECURITY SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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